

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-8 and 10 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 are amended herein. Claim 10 has been added herein. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 8, as well as for claim 10, may be found in the claims as filed originally, as well as in Figs. 3 and 7 and in the accompanying description in the specification. Claim 10 is believed to read on the elected embodiment. Claim 4 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has consequently been amended to include the subject matter of former claim 4, and is thus submitted to be allowable. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 depend from claim 1 and add further distinguishing elements. Claims 2, 5, 6, and 7 are thus also believed to be allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to include substantially the subject matter of former claim 4 as well, and is thus also believed to be allowable.

New claim 10:

New claim 10 includes substantially the subject matter of former claim 4, and is thus also believed to be allowable.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1-8 and 10 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 1-8 and 10 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

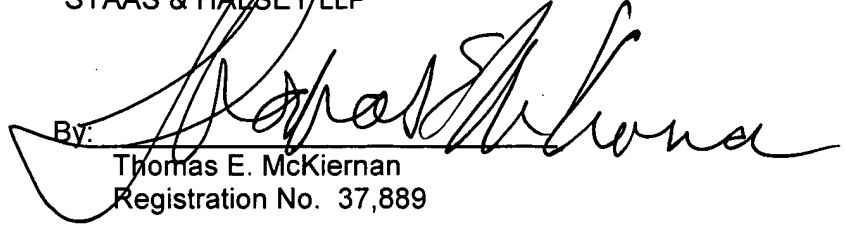
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